

Remarks

Claims 1-35 are currently pending. Applicants assert that all claims are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

Interview Summary

The undersigned participated in a telephone interview with the Examiner on November 5, 2004. During the interview, deficiencies in the Janay reference were discussed. Namely it was discussed how Janay is interested in recognizing a screen of data so as to display the screen of data in a user defined way and analyzing a screen with an unrecognized screen ID to determine a screen ID and corresponding manner of displaying the screen. It was discussed that Janay fails to disclose creating and/or utilizing a configuration file with screen field location identifiers, but instead must derive the location of the screen fields by analyzing the screens themselves. The Examiner raised three additional points within the Janay reference regarding a configuration file, each of which is discussed below, and each of which fails to disclose a configuration file with screen field location identifiers.

102 Rejections

Claims 1-35 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Janay (US Pat 5,530,961). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Each of claims 1-35 recite a configuration file with screen field location identifiers. The Office Action rejects claims 1-35 by stating that Janay teaches all of the elements including the configuration file with screen field location identifiers. In particular, at page 3, the Office Action states that the display buffer 103 stores a configuration file including a screen field identifier and one or more screen field location identifiers for each screen field. Applicants assert that this statement is incorrect and that the cited portions of Janay fail to teach a configuration file containing screen field location identifiers.

The display buffer 103 does not contain a configuration file that sets forth screen field identifiers and screen field location identifiers. To the contrary, the display buffer 103 contains the screen itself, i.e., the screen data to be displayed. This is entirely

different than a configuration file as claimed, which is not the screen data itself but is instead information providing a guide as to where information (i.e., data of a particular screen field) is located within the screen data. See for example, col. 4, lines 31-33 of Janay, where it clearly states that it is the screen, which is identified by a screen ID, that is stored in the buffer 103. There has been no showing where it is stated that a configuration file is stored in the buffer 103. Thus, Janay fails to anticipate claims 1-35 based on the citation to the display buffer 103.

Additionally, during the interview, the Examiner appeared to shift positions and state that the pre-stored list of Janay, mentioned in column 4, is the configuration file. However, as argued, the pre-stored list is nothing more than a list of screen IDs which is a number identifying a particular screen that is stored in the buffer 103 rather than identifying the location of a screen field of a screen. The pre-stored list of screen IDs does not provide screen field location identifiers (e.g., row and column position of a particular screen field) for a screen. Thus, Janay fails to anticipate claims 1-35 based on the reference to the pre-stored list.

Additionally, during the interview, the Examiner again appeared to shift positions by further arguing that the “read parameters” block 207 of FIG. 2, discussed at col. 2, lines 44-47 of Janay, shows that there is a configuration file of screen field location identifiers. However, the parameters being read at block 207, based on the screen ID discovered for a particular screen in the buffer 103, are nothing more than the parameters for displaying the whole screen which is said to be screen color, field protection for a particular field, masking, help, data field background and foreground colors, as noted at col. 2, lines 39-42. Furthermore, back in col. 2, it is stated that the display routine is “programmed to display information in that screen (e.g., fields and other data) in a predetermined manner,” which coincides with the systems discussed in the background of the present application where fields of a given screen can be accessed according to “hard coded” locations. Such “programming” or “hard coding” is contrary to the concept of using a configuration file which may be relied upon by “programming” rather than being such “programming” as taught by Janay. Thus, Janay fails to anticipate claims 1-35 based on the reference to the “read parameters” block 207 as these parameters are not

screen field location identifiers and also because the parameters appear to be hard coded in association with a given screen ID.

Finally, during the interview, the Examiner appeared to shift positions yet again by further arguing that the configuration file containing screen field location identifiers is disclosed by Janay because Janay discloses the notion of field coordinates at col. 5, line 44. However, a thorough reading of Janay provides that these field coordinates are derived by an algorithm of the remote terminal from the screen that is stored in the buffer 103. Rather than having the coordinates or other location identifier for a screen field in a configuration file where the file is simply read by the remote terminal to find the screen field of interest, Janay must analyze the screen itself that contains the screen fields to determine where the screen fields are located. Accordingly, Janay utilizes an entirely different approach to finding the screen fields. Thus, Janay fails to anticipate claims 1-35 based on the reference to the coordinates of the fields at col. 5.

It should be noted that the separate disclosures of a display buffer, a pre-stored list, the reading of display parameters, and the coordinates of fields in Janay are independent pieces of Janay that are not combined.

Because Janay fails to disclose a configuration file that includes screen field location identifiers, Janay fails to teach all of the elements of claims 1-35. Accordingly, claims 1-35 are allowable over Janay for at least these reasons.

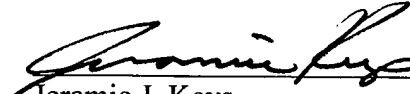
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-35 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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